FALLEN SYNDICATE

PRESENTS...

THE DEMON PRINCE OF THE MOMOCHI HOUSE

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百千さん家のあやかし王子

百千家って？

この世と異界の狭間に建つ百千家。
異界にいるあやかし達は、
この百千家を通って
この世に渡ってくる。

御守様【鵺】
強大な妖力を注ぎ込まれ、変身した葵の姿。その役目は百千家を守ること！

七守葵
10年前、百千家に迷い込み「御守様」に指名される。以来、百千家の敷地内から出られなくなった。

百千ひまり
遺言状に従い、百千家を相続した天涯孤独な16歳。百千家の正統な家主。

紫【水蛇】

伊勢【握々】
御守様の式神。普段は甲斐甲斐しく葵の面倒をみている。

葵の幼なじみの登場にひまりは…

葵にプレゼントされた四つ葉のクローバーの指輪。それに反応した日高隼は、葵の幼なじみだった。学校内では隼に関わった人間は呪われる…という噂がたっていたが、それは〝呪い〟ではなく、狐面のあやかしの仕業だったことが判明。狐面のあやかしはひまりの前にも現れ、葵からもらった指輪ごとひまりの指を切ろうとする。しかし寸でのところで葵に助けられ、事なきを得たのだが…。

I GUESS THERE REALLY IS NOBODY ELSE WHO CAN MATCH THE TWO OF US!

RIGHT,

GA

SP

IS THIS... A MEMORY FROM LONG AGO?

Over

And over...

TCH.

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Or is it just a dream...?

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HIDAKA-KUN IS IN PAIN BECAUSE OF AN AYAKASHI...

AOI, ISN'T THERE SOMETHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP HIM...?

IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT, HIMARI?

WHAT ?!

I WON'T MEET HIM.

EVEN IF YOU TELL ME TO DO SOME-THING... YOU KNOW.

THAT'S RIGHT.

IF I CALL HIDAKA-KUN TO THE MOMOCHI HOUSE, THEN AOI CAN MEET HIM...

AOI...

But that's not...

HIMARI.

step

step

DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT GOING TO BE AN ANNOYANCE AND REPEAT A YEAR.

ARE YOU GOING TO SCHOOL? BY THE WAY...

HAYATO.

step

step

.....

opens

?

IT'S NOT THAT. OUTSIDE, THERE'S—

GOOD MORNING! LET'S GO TO SCHOOL!

THAT I'LL BE "CURSED"?

I TOLD YOU WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU GET INVOLVED WITH ME.

WE COME FROM THE SAME DIRECTION, HUH.

.....

IT'S HARD FOR US TO GO TO SCHOOL ON THE MOUNTAIN PATH.

HIDAKA-KUN IS...

AFFECTED BY A CURSE, BECAUSE BAD THINGS HAVE HAPPENED.

THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING YOURSELF AWAY FROM OTHERS.

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shock

YOU SAY THAT, BUT I'M NOT CONCERNED! SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY!

NO, I'M PRETTY SURE YOU'RE WORRIED.

PROTECTION CHARM

HE DROPPED THEM.

THESE...

WHOOSH

Hidaka

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

WE WERE CHASED BY THAT KID IN THE FOX MASK YESTERDAY, AND HE WAS CARRYING THOSE.

ARE MY...!?

I WAS A LITTLE SCARED, BUT I'M FINE.

Hidaka-kun is aware of the existence of "ayakashi."

BUT HE WAS DEFINITELY THERE...

...I COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING.

THAT KID... HE WAS AN "AYAKASHI," RIGHT?

LEAVE ME ALONE !!

HIDAKA-KUN!! DON'T DO ANYTHING TO MAKE THAT FOX-MASKED AYAKASHI LIKE YOU MORE.

WE'LL FIND SOME WAY TO FIX THE "CURSE"!!

"TRANS-ACTION"?

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I'M NOT AN OUT-SIDER.

I'M AL-READY CAUGHT UP IN ALL OF THIS, SO

BREEZE

I'M LIKE THIS NOW BECALISE IT ALLOWS ME TO PAY FOR MY MIS-TAKES...

THIS IS MY "TRANS-ACTION" WITH THAT GUY.

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THE FOX-MASK IS STILL COMING.

LET'S FIND A SOLUTION TOGETHER.

TELL ME...

PLEASE, Don't do it alone.

But in our back garden, there was a small shrine.

My dad was a normal company worker,

so for me, being able to see spirits wasn't really a consider- ation.

I knew that every morning, my mom would go back there and leave offerings.

AND IT SEEMS THAT A LONG TIME AGO, I HAD A REALLY CLOSE CHILD-HOOD FRIEND.

IT'S NOTHING ...

JUST A STUPID STORY.

IT SEEMS THAT MY FAMILY HAS ALWAYS HAD RUMORS OF "SPIRIT POSSESSION" SINCE LONG AGO, BUT...

OTHER THAN THAT, WE'RE JUST A NORMAL FAMILY.

A really smart person...

but somehow, we got along really well.

Completely different from me,

NO,

THERE HAS TO BE SOMEONE.

BUT I DON'T REMEMBER A NAME OR A FACE...

We were always a pair. Playing, participating in school competitions, anything.

No one else could match us.

But anyway, I was with that person from morning to night.

SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?

LET'S GIVE EVERYBODY A BIG SURPRISE...!

AH,

HOLD ON A SECOND.

He was really good at finding four-leaf clovers,

HERE, IT'S A "CHARM."

and he'd give them to me. Mysteriously,

IT'S BE-CAUSE OF YOUR "CHARM" !!

THAT'S AWESOME, HAYATO.

I thought those days would last forever.

even though I hated studying, somehow I'd always do really well.

MAYBE STUDYING AND PLAYING ARE THINGS HE'D BETTER DO WITHOUT ME.

And without knowing the reason,

I got really upset at him.

since that time,

little by little, he began to avoid me.

But

I thought of things like this when I was upset.

Maybe he'll come back.

He'll go back to normal.

he'll change his mind.

IF I GIVE HIM HIS OWN SPECIAL-MADE "CHARM,"

THAT'S RIGHT, THE "CHARM"

But

Shall I grant your wish?

It was that time...

He could do this so easily.

So why can't I?

WHY ...

WHY CAN'T I FIND ANY--!!

Why

A voice... from the shrine?!

tremble

REALLY ...?!

Tell me your wish, and I will grant it.

SHOCK

I will take what's most precious to you right now.

Truly.

But in return,

What's most precious to me...

OKAY, TRY TO GRANT MY WISH!!

...O

grasp

FLASH

Now that I have this, I can make him come back, no doubt about it.

THIS IS

from school,

and from the memories of every-one in town.

But ever since the next day,

he disappeared completely.

WHY...!! HE WAS DEFINITELY THERE, THOUGH!

THIS "CHARM", HE--

Not a single person could remember his name, his face, or anything about his existence.

I had started to forget him.

I had traded my children's friend in return.

Then, I realized

I'll take what's most precious to you."

EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND'S EXISTENCE AND THE "TRANSACTION" AT THE WELL, I KNOW FROM DREAMS...

IS FROM THE COUNTLESS DREAMS I HAVE HAD ABOUT IT SINCE THEN.

...BUT ALL I'M SAYING RIGHT NOW...

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE FOUR-LEAF CLOVER THAT WOULD MAKE H.M BETTER, I HAD TRADED MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND.

BUT...

slide

THE "CHARM" I GOT FOR HIM WAS LEFT BEHIND.

HE WAS... DEFINITELY HERE.

NO ONE I HAVE EVER TOLD THIS STORY TO BELIEVED ME,

BUT...

I BELIEVE YOU.

HIDAKA-KUN'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND IS DEFINITELY HERE.

SO,

MOMO-CHI...?

AND SO, WITHOUT EVEN UNDER-STANDING WHAT WAS GOING ON, I TRADED MY FRIEND.

THE "TRANS-ACTION" WAS FOR REAL.

AND SO, IT IS MY BELIEF THAT I CURSED HIM.

THAT "CURSE" IS WHAT WE NEED TO SOLVE FIRST.

DO YOU SEE?

AOI!

.....

...SO

IT'S NOT THAT HIDAKA-KUN HAS COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN YOU, AOI.

IT'S MY SUSPICION THAT IT'S MY OWN FAULT I DISAPPEARED FROM MEMORY.

WAS TYE SAME DAY HAYATO PRAYED AT THE SHRINE WAS UN-LUCKY.

THAT THE DAY THAT I WANDERED INTO THE MOMOCHI HOUSE

ACTUALLY, FOR PEOPLE AROUND HAYATO STARTING TO BECOME "CURSED,"

FOR NOW, LET'S JUST LEAVE THE CURSE BEING MY FAULT ASIDE.

"YOUR MOST PRECIOUS THING", HUH.

I SEE.

THAT IS THE WORK OF THE MASTER OF THE SHRINE, THAT FOX-MASKED AYAKASHI.

It's not good that Hidaka's been ignoring him.

IT'S NOTHING.

HMM?

IT CAN'T BE HELPED... WE'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.

rustle

SO MY MOTHER PUT THIS UP... TO KEEP IT FROM GETTING CLOSER.

I HEARD A VOICE FROM THE SHRINE... WEIRD THINGS COMING FROM IT.

A ROPE...

THE SHRINE IS OVER HERE, BUT...

SORRY TO BARGE IN!

THIS IS...

IT'S SO OLD AND DIRTY, HUH...

WHAT'S THE USE OF SUCH A SHRINE?

Hidaka-kun can't seem to hear the "voice..."

YEAH!

WHOOSH

I knew it, I have to do something!!

guuh

HEY! YOU--

Who are you...

I'll curse you...

W... who...

gulp

THIS IS IT.

This is...

"Hida-ka..."

I'll curse you...

FIRST OF ALL, WE SHOULD CLEAN THE SHRINE!

IS THAT IT?

WHAT ?!

WHAT'S THE POINT OF THAT?

CLEAN-ING?

I BROUGHT LOTS OF CLEANING TOOLS WITH ME♪

Yoom

SMACK

What is this... smells good... my energy... is coming out...

Uughh.

clatter

clatter

clatter

WELL, FIRST, WE HAVE TO CONVEY OUR THANKS... I THINK.

I THINK I HAVE SOME VERMILLION PAINT I ONCE USED FOR A MODEL IN A CLOSET SOMEWHERE.

HIDAKA-KUN?

IT SEEMS IT MIGHT BE FOR THE BEST TO GIVE IT A NEW PAINT JOB.

turn

clench

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AND THEY'LL FORGIVE BEING IGNORED UNTIL NOW.

IF IT'S CLEAN, IT'LL MAKE THEM HAPPY, RIGHT?

squeak

squeak

You... What are you-

YEAH!

This is....

SO DON'T BE MEAN TO HIM.

HIDAKA-KUN'S SO NICE,

Big brother is angry...

EH...

shock

WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?!

YOU KNOW OF US?

YES, I'M MOMOCHI HIMARI.

ARE YOU PERHAPS FROM THE "MOMOCHI" FAMILY, OF THE NORTHERN MOUNTAIN?

GASP

ARE YOU, PERHAPS, "MOMOCHI-SAN?"

HIDAKA-KUN AND I WERE JUST CLEANING THE SHRINE.

I'M SO SORRY FOR BARGING IN.

bow

CLEANING THE SHRINE...

HAYATO DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT IT, THOUGH...

Within our "Hidaka" family, it used to be that many were born with a mysterious power. That was our lineage.

MY FATHER, WHO HAS SINCE PASSED ON, USED TO TELL ME STORIES.

IF ONLY THERE WERE SOMEONE FROM THE MOMOCHI HOUSE AROUND, THEN WE COULD ASK ABOUT THE FOX SITUATION.

That last Hidaka who was able to sense them was my father.

But it seems that little by little, the blood has faded.

IT SEEMS THAT THERE WERE THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO USE YOKAI CALLED "PIPE FOXES" IN ORDER TO HELP PEOPLE.

AMONG OUR ANCES-TORS,

IT WAS SAID THAT THOSE IN THIS AREA WOULD BECOME "POS-SESSED."

and built this small shrine for them in the garden.

I believe my father knew he wouldn't be in this world for long. He tried to end his association with them,

Neither Hayato nor I inherited such power.

I SIMPLY HAD NO IDEA WHAT I COULD DO....

I STARTED TO JUST SAY I HAD NO IDEA ABOUT THE CURSE.

EVER SINCE THE DAY OF HAYATO'S TRANSACTION,

AFTER MY FATHER DIED, I HONORED HIS WISHES.

BUT

EVERYDAY, WE SHOULD GO AND LEAVE THEM OFFERINGS

SINCE THE FOXES HAVE DEPARTED TO THE OTHER SIDE.

...Okay?

There's probably no one in the current Hidaka family who knew anything about "pipe foxes".

AND SO...

THAT IS, TRYING TO CALM A VIOLENT AYAKASHI AGAINST ITS WILL,

BY PUTTING UP POINTLESS PAPER CHARMS AND PROTEC-TION ROPES.

INSTEAD, THEY ARE TIGHTLY WOVEN AND SHUT INSIDE IN PAIN.

THEY MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT THAT THEY COULD SIMPLY END THE CONTRACT WITH THE AYAKASHI FROM THE SIDE, BUT IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE.

THEY HAVE COME TO TAKE ORDERS FROM THAT HOUSE.

EVEN THOUGH I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF POWER,

AYAKASHI SIMPLY HAVE NO UNDER-STANDING OF THE HUMAN CONCEPT OF CONVENIENCE.

NO, IT'S MORE OF A PREPARATION.

IS THERE SOME POINT TO IT?

...SO, "CLEANING"?

ly GASP

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

UM... FOR EXAMPLE, IT'S LIKE REVERSING THE EFFECT OF PUTTING UP THIS PROTECTIVE ROPE.

STEPS ?

CLEANING THEIR DWELL-ING IS SIMPLY A STEPPING STONE TO SPEAKING WITH THE MASTER OF THE SHRINE.

snap

AH! YOU CAN'T YET!

THEN IF I JUST TAKE THIS DOWN....

FW

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UA...
A...
AA...

SH

THUNK

Oh no! I haven't finished the preparations...

It's overflowing...!!

THER

SLI

"Pipe foxes" are the type of ayakashi who will flourish when brought into a house.

Little by little, their numbers increase.

Somehow, they can sense the presence of the ayakashi that have been shut into the shrine, but those inside it have grown in number.

FOR THEM TO HAVE INCREASED BY THIS MUCH...

step

I DON'T KNOW, SUDDENLY THE SHRINE COLLAPSED IN A HUGE WIND...

WHAT?! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

WE'RE SORRY TO HAVE DISTURBED YOU!

BUT YOU CAN'T STAY HERE ANYMORE.

"PIPE FOXES" !!

slither

it is you who shut us in...

"Hida-ka"...

"PIPE FOXES" ...

EH?! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...

THERE IS NO ONE LEFT HERE WHO CAN LOOK AFTER YOU...

DO YOU UNDER-STAND...?

WHAT ARE YOU SEEING?

MO-MOCHI...

That's right, you're a "Momochi"...

COME WITH ME--!!

YEAH...

Big brother,

he went out to find a tasty-looking human to eat, so he could devour them and become a great demon.

And now, you have shown us those from the Hidaka house, so...

!

I THINK THEY MEAN "BIG BROTHER" IS ANOTHER PIPE FOX OUT THERE.

is just up ahead.

FW HH OOSH

WHY...

The Momochi House...

WAS IT REALLY OKAY TO HAVE HIDAKA-KUN COME ALONG?

BUT

rustle HH rustle

Just ahead is...!

The person searching for him... is there.

HIDAKA-KUN...

WHAT WAS I THINKING, LETTING MOMOCHI GO ALL ALONE?

WH

SH

FOUND YOU.

I WON'T LET ANOTHER FRIEND SLIP AWAY FROM ME AGAIN.

trap

I'M NOT GOING BACK HOME...!

IT'S AN AMBUSH...

THE FOX-MASK IS HERE.

Oh... and even a child of the Hidaka family... Perfect...

Standing before my eyes, basking in terror of me...

KE

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KE

KE

KE

Gulp

THAT IS THE OPPOSITE WAY FROM YOUR HOUSE..

IT'S FINE.

HIDAKA-KUN, OVER HERE!!

runs

YOU CAN'T RUN FROM ME...!!

IF THEY'RE CAUGHT... IT'S OVER...!

Wanting to return... but unable to return.

To Be Continued...

THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?

WE'RE TRYING, BUT IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES.

UH... SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF.

DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!

ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?

WELL, UH... YES, ACTUALLY.

MANGA

FIST SLAM

IT'S SUCH A PITY TOO. WE HAVE SO MANY LOVELY PROJECTS THAT ARE JUST DYING FOR STAFF.

Hug me

hold me

Love me♥

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... WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT.

STARE

... THIS GUY'S WEIRD. STILL, MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES.

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